



PED MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Wisler moved to go into closed session for the following reasons: (1) to prevent disclosure of information that is privileged and confidential, pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. The law that makes the information privileged and confidential is N.C.G.S. 143-318.10(3); and, (2) to consult with an attorney employed by the City about matters with respect to which the attorney-client privilege between the City and its attorney must be preserved. Statutory authorization is contained in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a) (3). This motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Hunt moved to end closed session at 3:51.

Board Members in Attendance: Vice Mayor Marc Hunt, Council Member Jan Davis, Council Member Gwen Wisler

Staff in Attendance: Gary Jackson, Cathy Ball, Sam Powers, Stephanie Monson-Dahl, Jaime Matthews, Kerby Smithson, Robin Currin, Mariate Echeverry, Amber Weaver, Melissa VanSickle

Guests: Sonia Marcus, Duncan McPherson, Jim Grode

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Council Member Davis moved to accept, Vice Mayor Hunt seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. UPDATES.

a. Riverfront Redevelopment Activity; Stephanie Monson

Ms. Monson-Dahl provided an update about the form-base code and mentioned that the project is on target to go to full council, but wanted to acknowledge private sector concerns. There are a number of industries concerned with whether they will be able to operate in the area in the future. Staff is working to set up meetings with them to discuss these concerns. Members discussed the specifics of these concerns and possible misunderstandings.

The update also included an announcement concerning RADTIP and its upcoming milestones. It was announced that on September 24th, there will be a public meeting to present the right of way lines and final on the ground alignment of all pieces of the project. Also, the NCDOT is authorizing those plans and Monson-Dahl explained the next steps moving forward. A discussion about a communication plan for the public meeting followed. Members asked that staff provide a monthly update of budget estimates to council.

3. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Consider of the SACEE Recommendation for City Council Adoption of a Community Clean Energy Policy; Amber Weaver

Weaver introduced SACEE members, Duncan McPherson and Chair Sonia Marcus. Mr. Mcpherson moved forward with a background of the development of the resolution and partnership with Duke Energy. Members discussed the relationship with Duke and future engagement. Mr. Mcpherson then introduced Sonia Marcus.

Ms. Marcus explained the development of the framework. SACEE worked with City staff, Duke Energy and community members. Ms. Marcus also discussed input from Duke in regards to the framework. Members further discussed the relationship with Duke in terms of their knowledge and approval of items within the framework. The timeframe for adoption was also discussed along with a possible meeting with Duke to discuss the framework. Members asked to allow time for elected officials to meet with Duke before moving forward to council.

Ms. Weaver presented on plans for implementation of the framework. These plans include a workplan and financial timeframe that would include adding a seasonal temporary position to help take action on items outlined in the framework. Members discussed the funding sources available and the need for someone with previous experience.

Moving forward, members discussed the next steps, which would include a discussion and negotiation of the details of the MOU. The timeframe of the Comprehensive Plan and an ad hoc committee was also discussed along with the locations of focus for energy efficient projects. Vice Mayor Hunt expressed that the next steps should include engagement between public officials and representatives from Duke Energy to discuss framework and then come back to PED next month before taking the framework and MOU to full council.

b. Consideration the Staff and MMTC Recommendations for Implementation of a Neighborhood Sidewalk Program; Mariate Echeverry

Jim Grode provided a background about the city's neighborhood sidewalk program. This project focuses on neighborhoods rather than larger sidewalk projects in the City. Staff formed a committee to put together prioritization of funds and there has been both public outreach and survey opportunities. Mr. Grode also explained that there is a draft policy of allocation of funds that is endorsed by the Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Mr. Grode provided an explanation of the policy and the factors considered in the selection of neighborhoods in the program. Members discusses staff involvement and the possible concerns from the factors used in the neighborhood selection process. Members discussed the idea of staff considering the inclusion of language referring to proximity to urban nodes and then moving forward to council. Councilwoman Wisler made a motion to move forward to council, Councilman Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. None.

5. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:08 pm.